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Question and Responses for IFB # 080900CSW : Vehicle Rental Rates - Northern Rockies Geographic Area

Question #1: Pertains to Page 8 & 12, under Division B Vendor Requirements, 1.0 under Cleanliness & Fuel Title: I am questioning the \$50.00 for any and all cleaning that the vendor may have to have done upon the vehicles return from the agency's rental. Typically the charge for a detailed cleaning, if the vehicle requires that is above and beyond that amount. I would prefer that the sentence state that the vendor must submit a cleaning receipt for the cleaning charge and the ordering agency will then be responsible for that amount on the receipt.

Response: If the vehicle is not returned cleaned on the interior and washed on the exterior and the windshield washer fluid reservoir full, a \$50.00/cleaning charge may be billed to the ordering agency. If the fuel tank is not filled, contractor may invoice the ordering agency at commercial rental car rate for fuel. Any additional cleaning required shall be handled through the claim process as listed under Division A, paragraph 7.

Question #2: Pertains to Page 9, under Division C – Agency Requirements. Under our rules and regulations no one under the age of 21 years old is allowed to operate our vehicles, it is a contractual requirement that we have. And unless I am mistaken this is a common rule and regulation of all car rental agencies either due to their contracts with their respected headquarters or with their insurance providers/and or carriers.

Response: The government will ensure that all drivers of the rental vehicles hold a valid drivers license. The government cannot guarantee all drivers will be 21 years old.

Question #3: This email is to solicit an official response to the question of CUVs. "Cross Over Vehicles", such as the Subaru Tribeca, Nissan Murano, GM Equinox and Acadia, Ford Edge, etc are not SUVs. However, in some cases, their road clearance exceeds the Suburbans and Durangos.

The question is the acceptance by the DNRC, USFS, BLM and BIA to accept these vehicles for fire use and the terms and conditions under which they will be used. We have Subaru Outbacks, and my observation is that there are many occasions when supervisors and some fire service personnel could certainly use such a vehicle which far less expensive to operate and could be used to facilitate the daily missions of support personnel at the fire camps.

Response: Cross over vehicles will be acceptable as long as the vendor lets the government personnel ordering the vehicle know that is what they are supplying to them.